

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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March 6, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

CHANGES IN WORK FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, AND 3 VOTES

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Find that the requested changes in work have no significant effect on the environment and approve the changes for the following construction contracts:

Project ID No. FCC0000963 - Boone Avenue-Olive Avenue Drain, Boone-Olive Pumping Plant Low Flow Diversion, in the Venice area of the City of Los Angeles (3), Humphrey Constructors, Inc., in amount of \$11,836.00.

Project ID No. RDC0011409 - Canon View Trail, et al., vicinity of Topanga Canyon (3) Kaveh Engineering & Construction, Inc., in amount of \$103,300.00.

Project ID No. RDC0012920 - Hicks Avenue, et al., vicinity of City Terrace (1), Sully-Miller Contracting Company, in amount of \$10,290.00.

Project ID No. RDC0013680 - Vermont Avenue, vicinity of Carson (2), Sequel Contractors, Inc., in amount of \$69,722.02.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This action is to obtain Board approval for changes in public works contracts in support of the timely completion of the projects while avoiding delays and the potential for claims. The descriptions of the changes, estimated costs, and the necessary time extensions are listed in the enclosure for each contract.

The Director of Public Works has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Enclosed for your authorization are changes in work in excess of my delegated limits, which are required to complete Project ID Nos. FCC0000963, RDC0011409, RDC0012920, and RDC0013680.

<u>Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals</u>

Approval of these changes in work, which are necessary to satisfactorily complete the projects, is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since the improved infrastructure will better serve the public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated change order amounts for these contracts range from \$10,290.00 to \$103,300.00.

If these changes in work are not approved, contract completion will be delayed and increased costs incurred.

Sufficient funds are available in the Board-approved appropriations for each of the respective projects to cover the costs of the requested changes. Detailed cost breakdowns for each of the changes, together with contract cost summaries, are included in the enclosures.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Each of the subject contracts for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director of Public Works.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The changes in work as described above and in the enclosures do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Each contract provides that the contractor be compensated for the work resulting from changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs are based on contract unit prices, time and materials, or negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the costs of the changes are included in the enclosures.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the requested changes by your Board will ensure the timely completion of work under each of the respective contracts and result in complete and usable facilities.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office

County Counsel

Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000963, BOONE AVENUE-OLIVE AVENUE DRAIN, BOONE-OLIVE PUMPING PLANT LOW FLOW DIVERSION (in the Venice area of the City of Los Angeles), Supervisorial District 3, Contractor: Humphrey Constructors, Inc.

Project Description:

Construction of a low-flow diversion system including a pump, control system, and 3-inch force main; reinforced concrete pipe joint repair; modifications to an existing pump station; and other appurtenant work.

Changes in Work:

(1)	Relocate Sump Pump	\$10,932.00
(2)	Permit Fees	163.00
(3)	Upsize Concrete Vault	<u>741.00</u>
	Total	\$ <u>11,836.00</u>

Description of Changes:

- (1) During excavation for the sump pump, the contractor encountered ground water. It will be necessary to backfill the excavated area with concrete to stop the water intrusion and relocate the sump pump to a different location.
- (2) It will be necessary to compensate the contractor for the cost of obtaining a permit from the City of Los Angeles as required by the contract.
- (3) The proposed meter vault is too small to house the flowmeter equipment. Therefore, it will be necessary to obtain a larger vault.

The costs for Items 1 and 3 were negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications. The cost for Item 2 will be based on time and materials as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications.

Twelve additional working days will be required because of these changes.

Revised Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$138,300.00
Changes in work previously approved	
by the Board	22,035.00
Changes in work to be authorized	11,836.00
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Revised contract amount	\$ <u>172,171.00</u>

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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0011409, CANON VIEW TRAIL, ET AL. (in the vicinity of Topanga Canyon), Supervisorial District 3,

Contractor: Kaveh Engineering & Construction, Inc.

Project Description:

Construction of a new retaining wall in front of an existing deteriorated retaining wall, resurfacing of roadway pavement, and other appurtenant work.

Change in Work:

Retaining Wall Extension

\$103,300.00

Description of Changes:

It will be necessary to extend the retaining wall northward to ensure that no further erosion and movement of the hill occurs at that location. The work includes excavation, installation of steel piles, and construction of a reinforced concrete wall. This work was not included in the original plans.

The cost for this work was negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications.

Fifteen additional working days will be required because of this change.

Revised Contract Amount:

Original contract amount \$295,832.00 Change in work to be authorized 103,300.00

Revised contract amount \$399,132.00

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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0012920, HICKS AVENUE, ET AL. (in the vicinity of City Terrace), Supervisorial District 1, Contractor: Sully-Miller Contracting Company

Project Description:

Reconstruction of roadway pavement; construction of curb and gutter, sidewalk, driveways, curb ramps, cross gutters, alley intersections, drainage structures, reinforced concrete stairways, guardrail, retaining walls, and chain link fence; striping and pavement markings; and other appurtenant work.

Changes in Work:

(1)Construct Asphalt Concrete Berm\$ 6,840.00(2)Restore Landscaping3,450.00

Total \$<u>10,290.00</u>

Description of Changes:

- (1) It will be necessary to construct an asphalt berm and perform other appurtenant work at the intersection of Cathryn Drive and Cathryn Place in order to improve stormwater drainage and help divert stormwater flows. This work was not shown on the plans.
- (2) It will be necessary to restore landscaping to a portion of the property at 1124 Hicks Avenue. This work was not shown on the plans.

The cost for Item 1 was negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications. The cost for Item 2 will be based on time and materials as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications

Five additional working days will be required because of these changes.

Revised Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$3,574,878.00
Changes in work previously approved	
by the Board	1,053,439.58
Changes in work to be authorized	10,290.00
Revised contract amount	\$4,638,607.58

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<u>PROJECT ID NO. RDC0013680, VERMONT AVENUE</u> (in the vicinity of Carson), Supervisorial District 2, Contractor: Sequel Contractors, Inc.

Project Description:

Resurfacing of existing roadway pavement; reconstruction of curb and gutter, sidewalk, driveways, and cross gutters; construction of bus pads; installation of traffic signals, striping, and pavement markings; landscaping of roadway medians including planting trees, shrubs, and ground covers; and the installation of river rock paving and an irrigation system.

Changes in Work:

Total \$<u>69,722.02</u>

Description of Changes:

- (1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.
- (2) Eleven Fan Palm trees designated on the plans to be removed and disposed of will be boxed and delivered to our maintenance facility. The trees are healthy and will be planted elsewhere in the future. This work is not shown on the plans.

The costs for Item 1 will be based on contract unit prices. The cost for Item 2 was negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications.

Seven additional working days will be required because of these changes.

Revised Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$3,079,192.35
Changes in work previously approved	
by the Board	22,307.70
Changes in work to be authorized	<u>69,722.02</u>
Revised contract amount	\$3,171,222.07

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